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Lincoln Home
National Historic Site

Illinois

The Project
Restore the exterior and the interior of the two-story structure

The Site
Lincoln s home, the only one he ever owned, is one of the most significant sites associated with America s beloved 16th president. President Lincoln purchased the home in 1844, then a five-year-old cottage. It was enlarged several times during Lincoln s occupancy until he left as president in 1861. These enlargements included wings on the rear and a second floor. It became a major shrine of the National Park Service in 1972.

The Design
The restoration, completed in May 1988 at a cost of $1.7 million, involved state-of-the-art research and technology. The DSC historical architects, landscape architects, and engineers delved deeply into the historical archives and investigated the historic fabric to determine authentic documentation of the structure. This research is reflected in the historic structure report and the construction documents. Professionals at Harpers Ferry Center provided the information for wallpapers, carpets, and historic furnishings. The primary construction contractor from Hannibal, Missouri, a preservation specialist, was directed on a cost-reimbursable contract by the DSC historical architect project supervisor.

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